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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fallen Soldiers

1. I regret to announce the loss of two (2) California Army National Guardsmen who, while on patrol, were ambushed by enemy forces. Second Lieutenant André Tyson and Specialist Patrick McCaffrey died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds while serving in Iraq. My prayers and heartfelt sympathy goes out to their families and friends.

2. To date we have lost seven (7) soldiers as a result of the conflict in Iraq; 25 seriously wounded and 75 with less serious wounds. At a time like this we must remember the importance of our duties as we ask soldiers and airmen to serve in harms way defending democracy. I am proud that our troops continue to prove their patriotism and support of our nation.

3. Each member of the California National Guard, military and civilian, plays an important role in our nations continued commitment to successfully fulfilling all missions we are assigned. I respect and admire the outstanding job you are all doing and am proud to represent you. Never forget our fallen comrades and never forget why you serve - to defend freedom.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Eres", is written over a horizontal line.

THOMAS W. ERES

Major General

The Adjutant General

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